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## **Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board**

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### **Advisory Board Seats New Student Representatives**

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) welcomed two new student representatives at its May meeting. ORSSAB is a federally chartered citizens' panel that provides recommendations to the U. S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Oak Ridge Environmental Management Program. ORSSAB student representatives serve one-year appointments.



*Kasey McMaster (left) and Amira Sakalla are the ORSSAB student representatives for 2011-12.*

Kasey McMaster is a senior at Oak Ridge High, where she participates on the volleyball team year-round. This is her first experience in an environmental discipline, but she became interested through her advanced placement Environmental Science class.

She enjoys playing sports, spending time with friends, and reading. Kasey plans to major in business, but has not decided on a college at this time.

Amira Sakalla is also a senior and attends Hardin Valley Academy. She is captain and first seed of the tennis team and is active in the National Honor Society and the French Club.

Amira volunteers as a Sunday school teacher and as a referee with the American Youth Soccer Organization on weekends. She plans to major in pre-med and eventually become a pediatrician.

"It's always exciting to bring on new student representatives to the board," said Board Chair Ron Murphree. "We think it's a good way to expose young people to aspects of a government agency and for them to see how the public plays a role through this advisory board. We hope they will come away with a better appreciation of public involvement and how citizens can have an impact in civic matters."

The ORSSAB meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the DOE Information Center in Oak Ridge. Information about the board is available on the internet at [www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab](http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab) or by calling (865) 241-4583 or 241-4584.

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